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This is another way in which you can play a part in giving the Sight Center a greater opportunity to serve the needs of blind and visually impaired persons in 21 counties of northwestern Ohio and 2 counties in southeastern Michigan.

The next time you encounter a special occasion or wish to give a remembrance in honor of someone who has died, won't you remember the Sight Center?



Left to Right: Phil Wood, Ed McCormick, Jr., Ed Scott and Glen Miller enjoy the buffet at the Lions Club Luncheon.

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Keep 'Em Happy, Healthy & Huggable!

In cooperation with WTOL-TV Toledo's Kids Health Fair at Franklin Park Mall, the Sight Center performed vision screenings for 1,748 kids. Students from Owens Technical College aided with the screenings.

Of those screened, 470 were screened for Keystone visual skills. Thirty-four of these were referred for further examination.

1,278 children received color vision, stereopsis, and binocular screening. Of these, 17 were referred for color deficiency and 9 for stereopsis or binocular deficiency.

Pat Knell, who coordinated the Sight Center's Health Fair, has also organized a screening for Maumee pre-kindergarten children. At Union, Wayne Trail and Fort Miami Schools, 120 preschoolers were screened in three days. Testing the children were students from Owens Technical College, Lions Club members, and other volunteers who received special training for the screening.

Research Project Underway

The Low Vision Department of the Medical College of Ohio in conjunction with the University of Toledo, Lions Club, and the Sight Center, is studying elderly nursing home patients to determine their low vision needs.

Sight Center volunteers are conducting preliminary interviews regarding any vision problems with patients and to ascertain any loss of memory. Utilizing the Sight Center's new tonometer machine, Lions Club members are administering glaucoma and other low vision screenings.



At Union School, twins Holly and Polly Blanchard receive eye screenings by Mary Ann Kline, R.N., school nurse and Robyn Vail, Owens Technical College student.



The Channel 11 mascot gives lion-sized hugs to Pat Knell (left) and Barbara Ding (right) at the Kids Health Fair held at Franklin Park Mall.

Other eye screenings include Head Start children in Lima and Toledo. Groups desiring eye screenings should contact Pat Knell, 241-1183.

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Aromas of Food Guided Their Steps

Sweet-smelling aromas permeated the air of the large room. Various booths offered choices ranging from the enticingly sweet Baklava to the down-home freshness of homemade bread, or, to appease the man-size appetite, sweet and sour pork.

Hundreds of people were in attendance at the Blade's Annual Food Fair. Among them was a group of about 20 visually impaired persons from the Sight Center.

With the aid of Gail Sheffield, senior rehabilitation teacher; Dawn Klem, rehabilitation aid; and Sue Dwyer, volunteer driver and guide, the group was able to test some eating techniques members learned through an eight-week course offered at the Sight Center.

"Even though the Food Fair was very visual, our people still learned by listening and testing their sense of smell," Miss Sheffield says. The outing was also an opportunity to help build up some social graces when mingling with the general public.

Each booth offered its food specialty for sale. Very few from the Sight Center group walked away empty handed.

During the eight-week course at the Sight Center, members learned how to feel comfortable when going out to eat. This included learning new techniques in eating difficult-to-handle foods like spaghetti, chops, chicken, and salads.



May, 1981

Glaucoma Screenings Up



Jim Andrus, president of the Downtown Lions Club, is tested for glaucoma by Pat Knell.

March 6 and 7 marked the dates for glaucoma screenings for 382 people at the Southwyck Mall. Fourteen of these were referred for further care.

Pat Knell, coordinator of the screenings, reports that about 1100 other people have been screened at various places throughout Toledo, with 48 referrals from this group for further care.

Further screenings are being planned for six Lucas County Metropolitan Housing sites; four Westhaven Drug Stores; an open house at Owens Technical College; Perryburg Commons Senior Center; Woodville Mall in conjunction with the East Toledo Lions Club; Rossford Nutrition Center; and on Senior Citizens Day, May 19, at the Lucas County Recreation Center.

Contact Pat Knell, 241-1183, for more information.



Ottawa County residents (left to right) Evelyn Sondergeld of Elmore and Rosetta Novak of Port Clinton toured the Blade Food Fair in Toledo with other visually impaired persons from the Sight Center.

Focus on Our Staff Meet Eleanor Casebolt



Eleanor Casebolt uses a light probe to locate a line with an incoming call.

Pleasant and efficient are two prime ingredients to be an effective receptionist.

Eleanor Casebolt, new receptionist at the Sight Center, is both. And she accomplishes these in spite of her blindness.

A blind person answering a switchboard and screening visitors seems unlikely. How does Eleanor tell which line is ringing? Wouldn't visitors be able to walk by her without notice? How can she write down phone messages?

Eleanor Casebolt accomplishes all these plus more. And with a speed equivalent to the best of receptionists. Here's how.

For incoming phone calls, she uses a light probe to scan each button. The probe buzzes different ways for incoming calls, lines in use, and calls placed on hold.

To take messages, Eleanor uses a Braille writer. From that, she types the message on the typewriter for the receiver. All messages are placed neatly on a spindle. To check her type-written messages for errors, she uses a Optacon reader.

To alert her for any incoming visitors, a bell signals when someone walks through the front door.

"I had always wanted to be a switchboard operator," Eleanor says.

New Employees Named

On January 8, Palma Duganiero joined our staff as general office secretary. Palma is a 1976 graduate of Start High School and has worked at Gulf States Paper Corporation as personnel-purchasing clerk/typist. Her hobbies are crocheting, embroidery, drawing, bowling and bicycling. Palma sits near the receptionist's desk. When you visit the Sight Center, stop by and say, "Hello!"

Chuck Huss recently joined the Sight Center's staff as a part-time employee. He is an orientation and mobility instructor who graduated from Western Michigan University in 1976. Since then, he has been associated with two other rehabilitation facilities in a similar capacity. Chuck will work with people in Tiffin and the surrounding areas. The Sight Center hopes to make Chuck a full-time employee in the near future.

The Sight Center has been fortunate to gain a number of new CETA employees. These are:

Bessie Hillard - development secretary. Bessie is a native Ohioan. She and her husband have two daughters, a step-daughter and a stepson, plus five grandchildren (including one six-year-old granddaughter who was born blind). Bessie has many hobbies, including crocheting, reading, hiking, and traveling. She has lived in Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Missouri.

Trudy Walker - children's specialist. Trudy is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and has been living in Toledo for the past six months. Her educational background and working experience consists of a B.S. degree in social work from Southern University Baton Rouge, which included an internship with the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board. Before joining

"But I couldn't find any place that would train me until I called the Sight Center."

For several weeks Eleanor trained on a volunteer basis. As of January 1, she has been a full-time Sight Center employee.

Eleanor has proved that a handicap need not stand in the way of bona fide employment. Indeed, she possesses a dedication and love for her work that makes her a valuable asset to any employer.

the Sight Center, she was employed with the Economic Opportunity Planning Association Anti-Crime Program. *Eleanor Casebolt - receptionist/typist.* Eleanor is a graduate of Hiram College with a B.A. in music education and religion. She has earned certificates in typing and shorthand at Learning Achievements. Born in Cleveland, "Ellie" has lived in several Ohio communities. She moved to Toledo with her husband, Blaine, in 1972. In addition to her love for music (she sings and plays piano and organ), Ellie shares several hobbies with her husband--bowling, camping, playing euchre, and particularly ham radio. (Ellie is featured in this issue of the Newsletter under "Focus on Our Staff.")

Tim Legg - marketing director. Tim is a native of Toledo and attended Macomber High School where he graduated in 1974 with a varsity letter in basketball and majored in commercial art. He went to Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he also lettered in basketball and graduated in 1977 with a degree in English and history. Also that year, he was voted to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities for 1977-78. After moving back to Toledo in 1978, he enrolled in the MBA program at the University of Toledo and currently is working toward that goal.

Sue Harrison - rehabilitation teacher aide - aids & appliances. A native of Toledo, Sue and her husband have a son, Charlie, and two daughters, Jeanne and Trisha. Sue's new position is in the Aids and Appliances Department in charge of the sales room.

Dawn Klem - rehabilitation teacher aide. Dawn is a 1978 graduate of Clay High School and former student at Evansville University in Evansville, Indiana. She also attended Bowling Green State University where she studied psychology. She plans to return to school in the future to complete both her Bachelor's and Master's degree. In the meantime, Dawn is looking forward to the month of June when she will be married.

Senora Jones - MR/Blindness specialist. Senora, a native of Toledo, attended Ohio University and com-

Volunteer of the Year Named



Lamont McLaughlin of WGTE-TV was guest speaker at the Annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon.

Racking up 972 hours in volunteer time for the Sight Center during 1980, Jacki Sobecki claimed the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Second Annual Volunteer Awards luncheon.

Jane Hilkert with 777 hours was awarded second highest number of hours, with Nancy Burton, 395 hours, with third highest.



Board President Bill Marti congratulates volunteer honorees (left to right) Jackie Sobecki, Nancy Burton, and Jane Hilkert.

Greet Summer at Camp!

All ages of visually impaired persons from 8 to 108 are invited to welcome summertime by attending camp week from June 21-27 at Camp Hemlock in Hillsboro, Michigan.

A variety of group activities will be offered as well as participatory responsibilities to teach children, in par-

ticular, self-help tasks. Activities are being planned by students of the Sight Center's after-school class.

A \$35 fee for the week includes lodging and meals. For more information, call Gayle Krause, director of program services, at 241-1183.



The Sign Post

An after-school children's group is in session through June 12 which is open to all ages of grade school children through high school. The program gives children an opportunity to expand self-help skills. The children also are planning camp activities for the Camp Hemlock week. For more information contact Gayle Krause, director of program services, 241-1183.

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A pre-school camp for visually impaired preschoolers from June 19 to 21 will precede our regular camp week at Camp Hemlock. Families of visually impaired preschoolers are urged to join their children for three fun-filled, thought-provoking days at camp. To register call 241-1183.

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Thanks to Dana Corporation, the Telephone Pioneers and McDonalds, a number of blind and visually impaired children were able to participate in the Sight Center's Third Annual Chirping Easter Egg Hunt. Children of all ages gathered "chirping" eggs to exchange for Easter candy.

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Cleveland State University has made contractual arrangements with the Sight Center for Gayle Krause, director of program services at the Sight Center, to teach a spring quarter class in rehabilitation teaching. Gayle is commuting for the one-day-a-week class.

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Thanks to the United Way and the Stranahan Foundation, the Sight Center now possesses its own air puffed tonometer machine for glaucoma testing.

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pleted her studies at the University of Toledo. She has been of great service to the community by serving as foster care specialist at East Toledo Helping Hand and youth development director with Economic Opportunity Planning Association.